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FECFile User Manual for Candidate Committees

This manual is designed to help political committees use FECfile software and to assist with the filing of disclosure reports. The format is user-friendly and contains step-by- step instructions, along with screen shots, in an effort to help users manuever through the software. Some of the areas found in this manual include: How to enter transactions on each line, How to upload a report, How to file a miscellaneous electronic submission and How to make sense of some common error codes.

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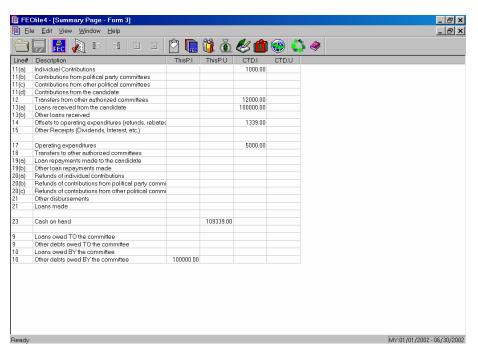
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Transactions



Transactions

Once an FEC report has been created, users may enter financial activity by going t the Summary page of the report. The transactions, as they are defined, are individual entries of financial activities of the committee. Transactions may be created by launching the Summary view in FECFile. Once selected, the Summary page view permits the user to select the line number of the transaction type to create, or to enter a transaction by category.

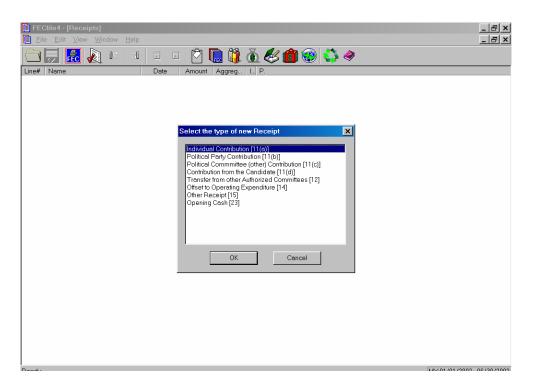
As an example, if the committee wishes to enter receipts first, they may select the Receipts View, right click within the active window, and select from a list of Receipt types.

The Summary page is launched by selecting view from the FECFile menu bar, and selecting Summary page.

NOTES:

Form 3 users note that an election designation and date must be entered to avoid errors in uploading the file.

FEC ID#'s are note required for Party Committees or PAC Contributions.



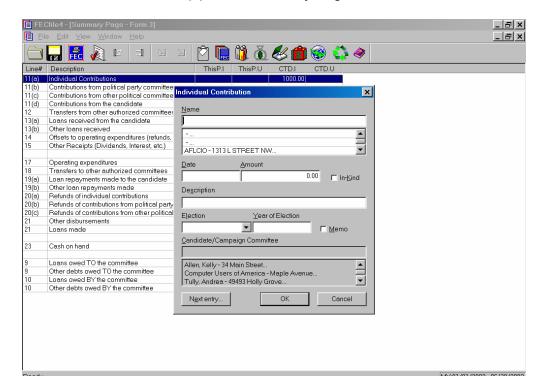
This system option functionality is also seen in the following views:

- ✓ Disbursements view
- ✓ Loans and Debts
- ✓ Individuals/Organizations✓ All Transactions View

A discussion of transactions will follow in the text.

Receipts from Individuals Line 11(a)

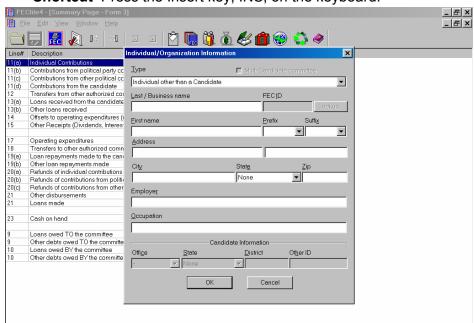
1. Double-click on Line 11(a) of the Summary Page.



2. The individual contribution dialog box appears.

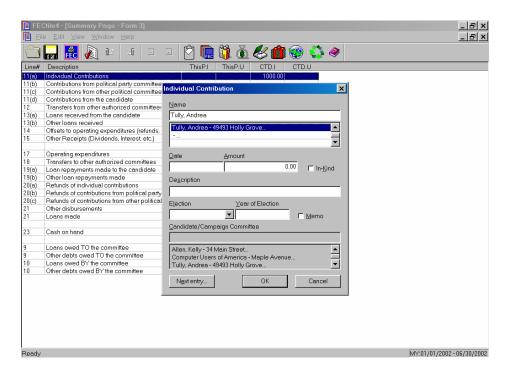
Enter the individual's last name in the text area within the dialog box, under \underline{N} ame.

Press the Tab key, to launch the Individual/Organization Information dialog box.



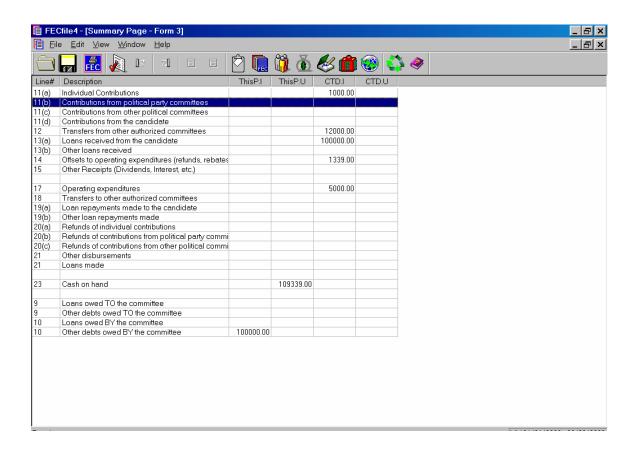
Shortcut Press the Insert key, INS, on the keyboard.

- 3. In the text area, <u>Type</u>, select Individual Other than a Candidate, from the drop down menu.
- 4. Type the individual's First Name, any Prefix, any Suffix, Address, City, State, Zip, Employer, and Occupation in the text areas, using the tab key to navigate from field to field.
- 5. Click OK.

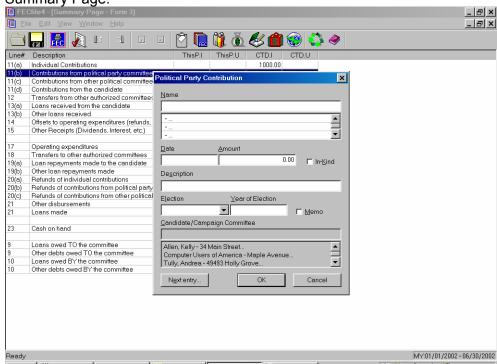


- 6. The Individual contribution dialog box will appear. Insert the date and the dollar amount in the dialog box text area.
- 7. If necessary, add a description in the description text area in the dialog box. By selecting next entry, you may quickly add additional individual contributions, without having to return to the Summary page.
- 8. Click OK and the contribution information is added to the file, and reflected on the Summary Page totals.

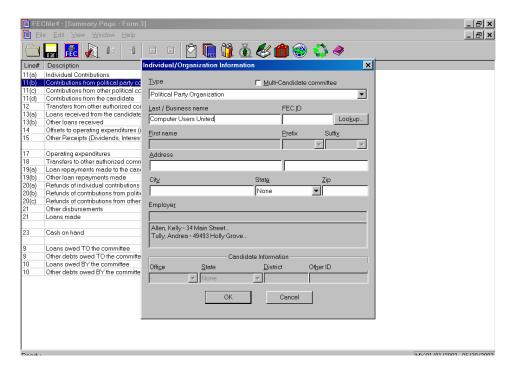
Receipts From Political Parties Line 11(b)



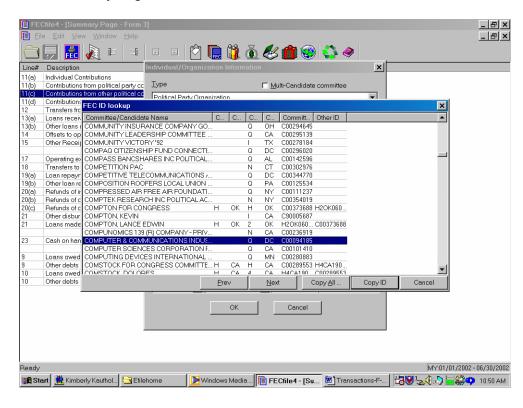
1. To add contributions form Political Parties, double-click on Line 11(b) of the Summary Page.



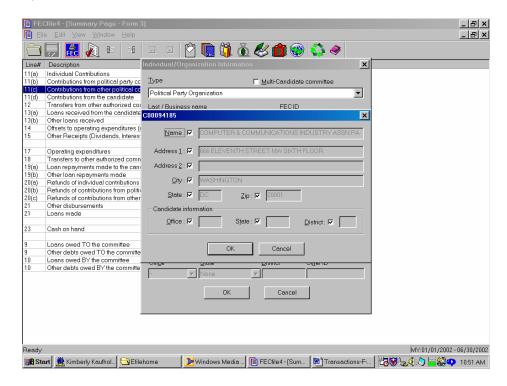
2. Enter the political party's name in the dialog box text area.



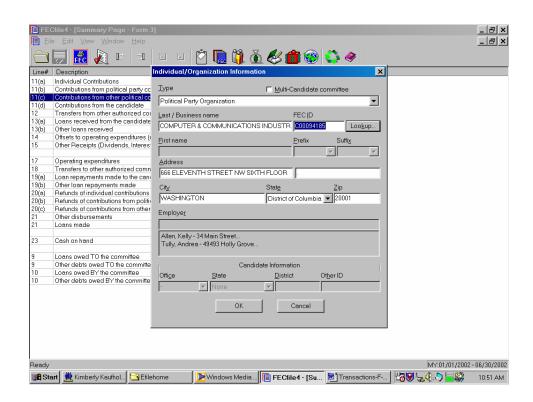
- 3. Press the Tab key or the Insert key.
- 4. Within the dialog box, select the drop down menu under Type, and select Political Party Organization.



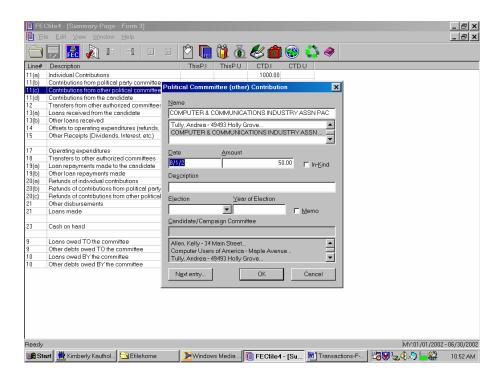
- 5. Click on the Lookup button in the dialog box.
- 6. Select the proper committee by highlighting it with the mouse, and select the Copy All button.



- 7. A dialog box will appear with information about the committee, select OK.
- 8. An additional dialog box will appear, automatically inserting the correct FEC ID number.

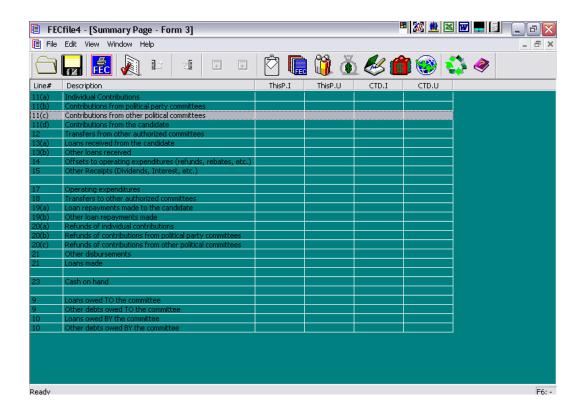


9. Select OK.

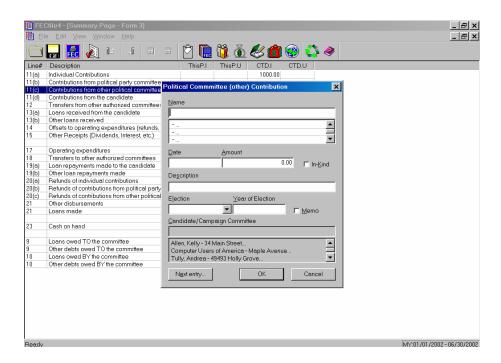


- 10. Insert date and amount in the dialog box.
- 11. Click on OK, and note the added total in the Summary Page.

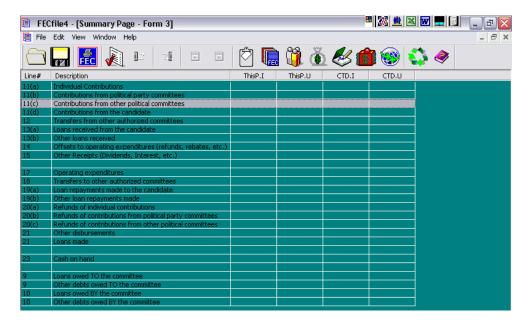
Receipts From Other Political Committees Line 11(c)



1. Double-click on Line 11(c) of the Summary Page.

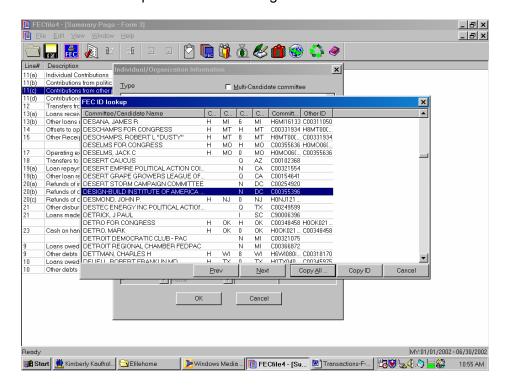


- 2. Enter the Political Action Committee's name in the dialog box text area.
- 3. Press the Tab key or the Insert key.

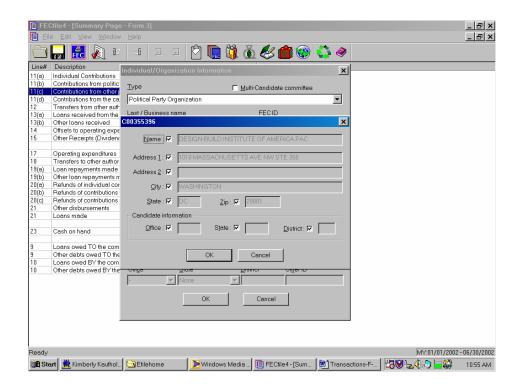


4. In the Type text area, use the drop down menu to locate Political Action Committee, and select it.

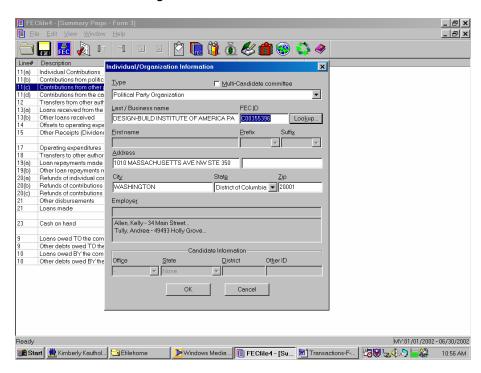
5. Click on the Lookup button in the dialog box.



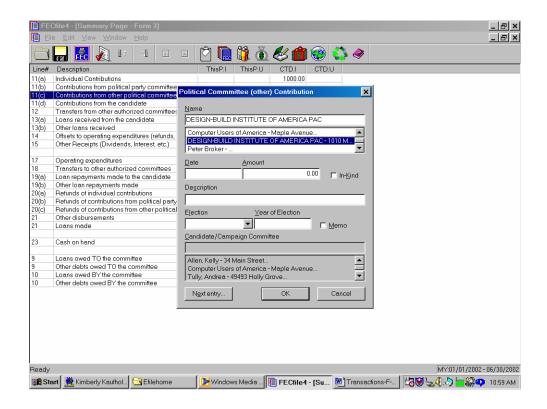
6. Select the specified committee by highlighting it, and click on the Copy All button in the dialog box.



- 7. FECFile will launch a dialog box, showing the proper committee's information.
- 8. Select OK in the dialog box.

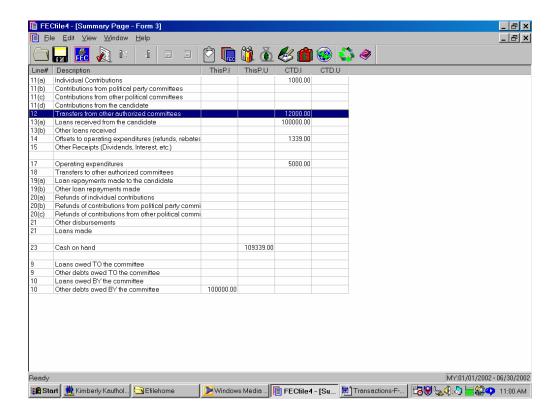


- 9. Note, that the FECID is now loaded in the FEC ID text area, within the dialog box.
- 10. If the PAC is a multi-candidate committee check the box at the top.
- 11. Click on OK, within the dialog box.

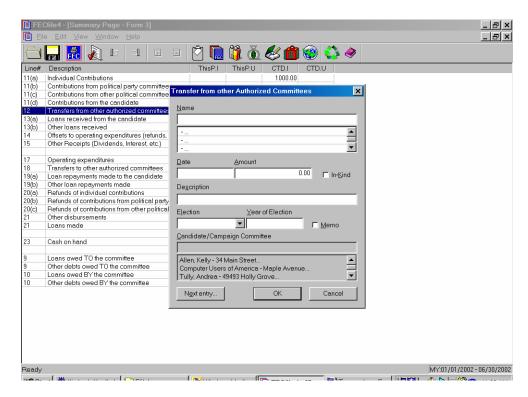


- 12. Type in the date and amount within the text areas in the Political Committee (other) Contribution dialog box.
- 13. Click on OK, and note the added total on the Summary Page.

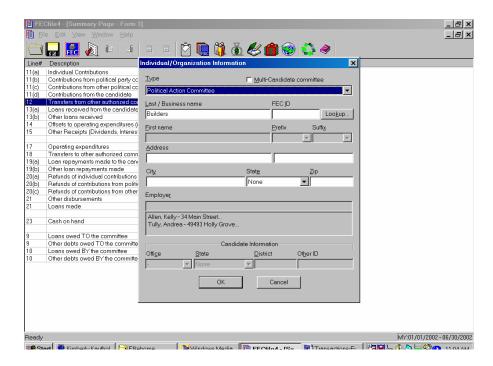
Transfers From Affiliated/Other Party Committees Line 12



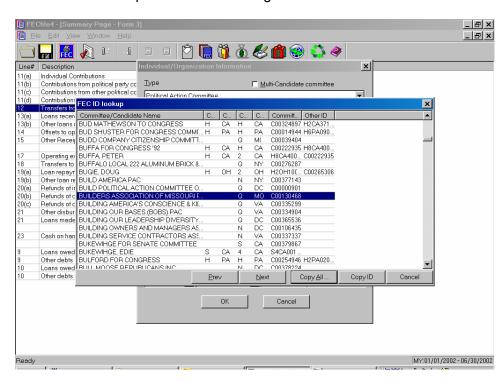
1. Double-click on Line 12 of the Summary Page.



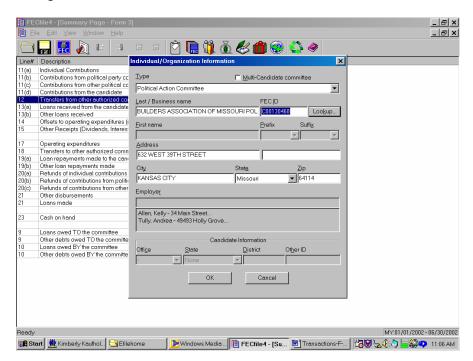
- 2. Type in the Political Action Committee's name in the dialog box text area.
- 3. Press the Tab key or Insert key.



- 4. Select the Type drop down, and change the selection to the appropriate Political Action Committee or Political Party Organization.
- 5. Click on the Lookup button in the dialog box.

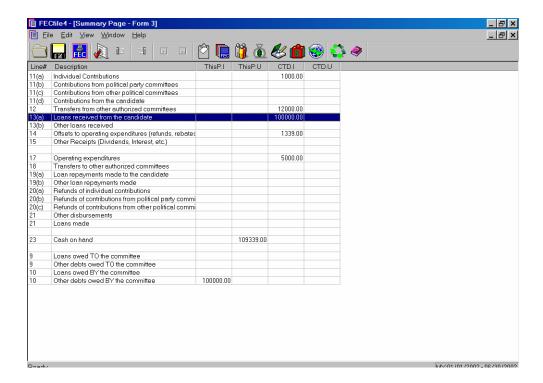


- 6. Highlight the proper committee, click on the Copy All button.
- 7. As proper committee is then loaded into the dialog box, click on OK.
- 8. If the PAC is a multi-candidate committee, check the box at the top.
- 9. As FEC ID is automatically loaded into the Individual Organization Information dialog box, select OK.

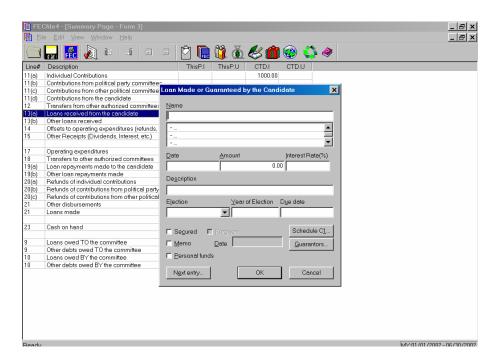


- 10. Type in the correct date and amount in the dialog box and click OK. Note the information is then reflected in the Summary Page.
- 11. Select View from the menu bar, and select Receipts View or All Transactions View.
- 12. Right click on the transfer and select transaction split, and add new.
- 13. Enter in the information for original contributors that make up the total transfer.

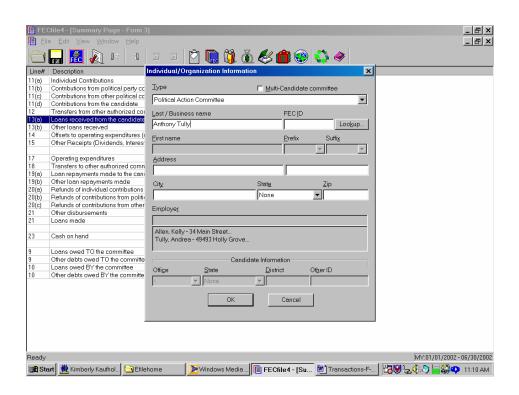
Loans Received from the Candidate Line 13 (a)



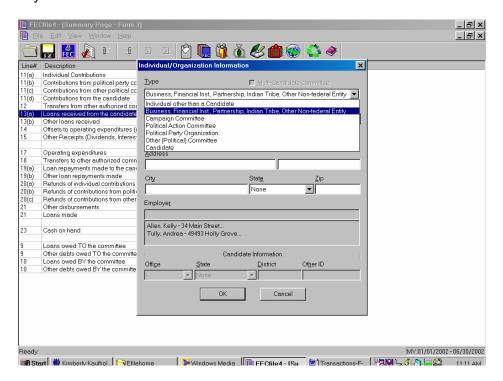
1. Double-click on Line 13 (a) of the Summary Page.



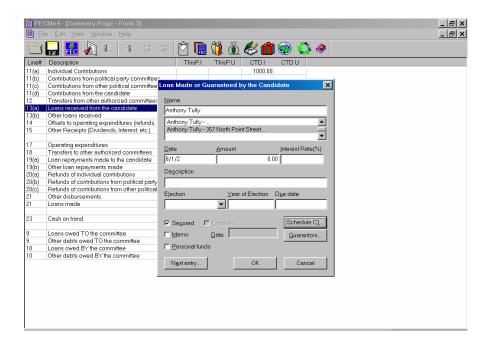
2. Type the name of the creditor in the text area of the dialog box, under name.



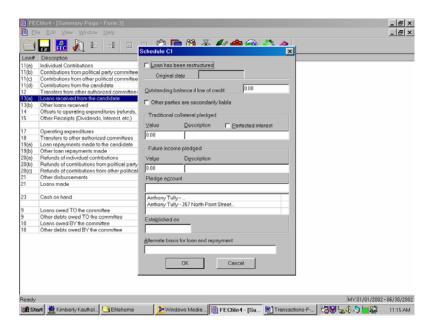
3. If a record for the creditor does not exist, press the Tab key or the Insert key.



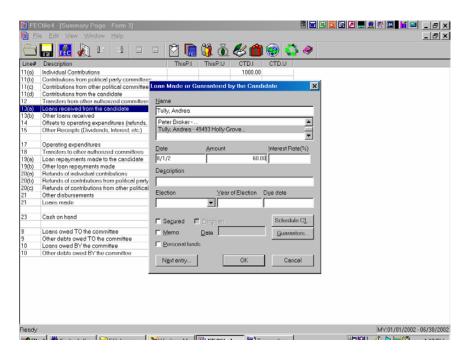
- 4. An additional dialog box is now launched. Within the Type text area, select the drop down menu and select Business, Financial Inst., Partnership, Indian Tribe, Other Non-federal or Candidate.
- 5. Continue within the dialog box, and enter creditor's Address, City, State and Zip, and select OK.



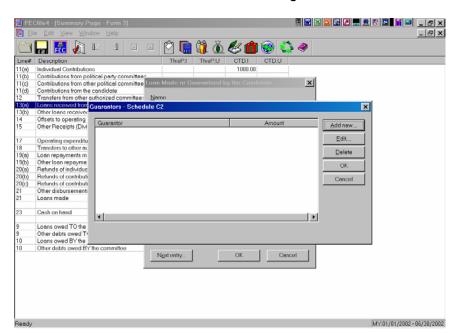
6. The loan received dialog box is launched. Select the date field and enter the date the loan was incurred, the amount of the loan, and the interest rate. Additionally, use the check box next to the Secured text, to indicated a secured loan or non-secured loan.



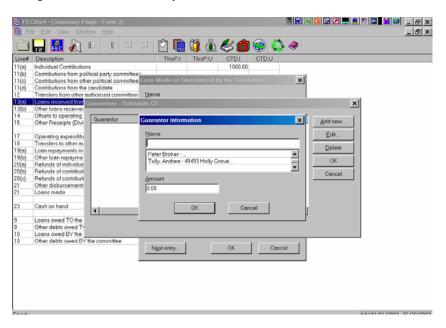
7. Click on the Schedule C-1 button and tab from field to field, entering all necessary information, as applicable, and selecting OK.



8. The FECFile application returns to the Loans received dialog box. Click on Guarantors button the Guarantors dialog box will launch.

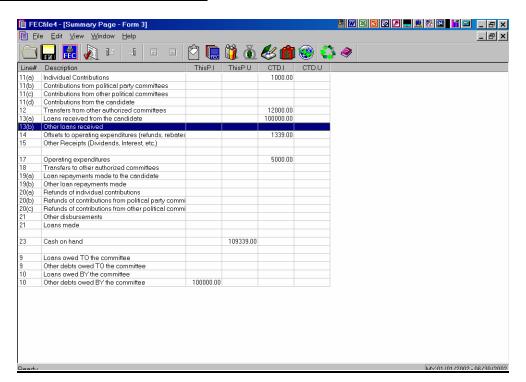


9. Select the Add new button to enter guarantor information, or select Edit, if the guarantor has already been added.

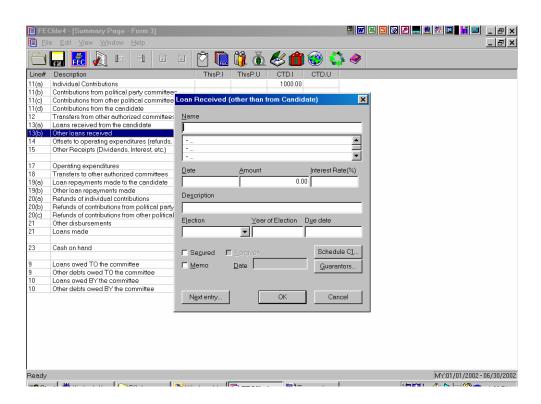


- 10. Enter the information on the guarantor, and the amount, and click on OK.
- 11. Click on OK, a second time, and select Yes to save any changes.
- 12. The Loan received dialog box returns, and select OK, to return to the Summary page.
- 13. Schedule A supporting Line 13 (a) and Schedule C supporting Line 10 will both be automatically created/adjusted, and will be reflected on the Summary Page.

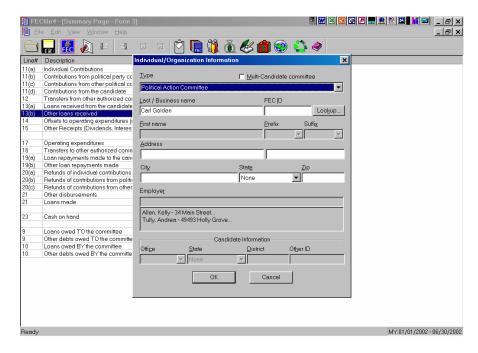
Other Loans Received Line 13 (b)

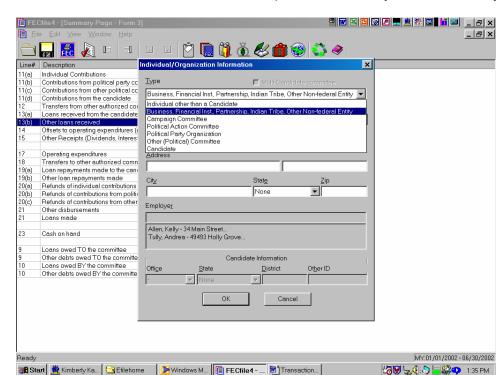


1. Double-click on Line 13 (b) of the Summary Page.



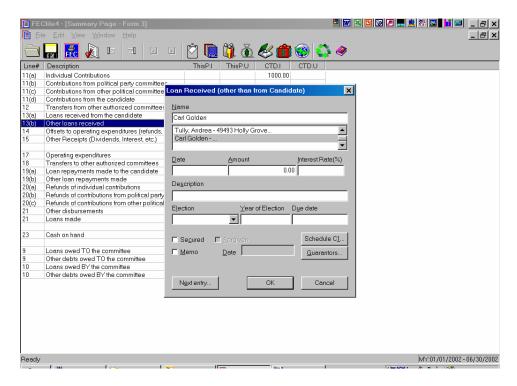
2. Type the name of the creditor in the text area of the dialog box, under name.



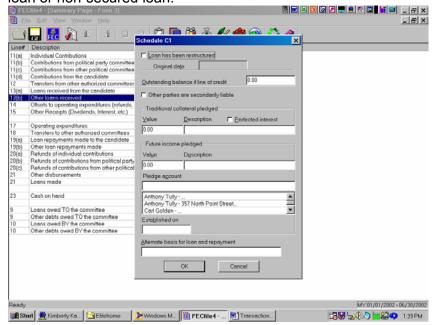


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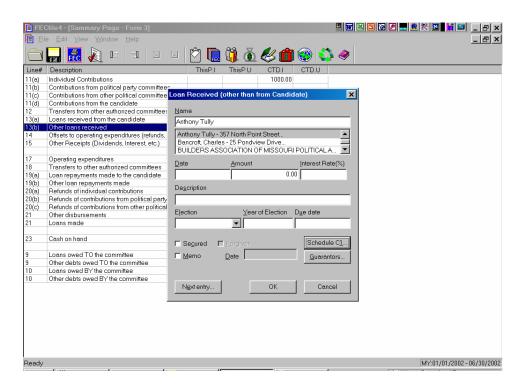
- 4. An additional dialog box is now launched. Within the Type text area, select the drop down menu and select Business, Financial Inst., Partnership, Indian Tribe, Other Non-Federal or Candidate.
- 5. Continue within the dialog box, and enter creditor's Address, City, State, and Zip, and select OK.



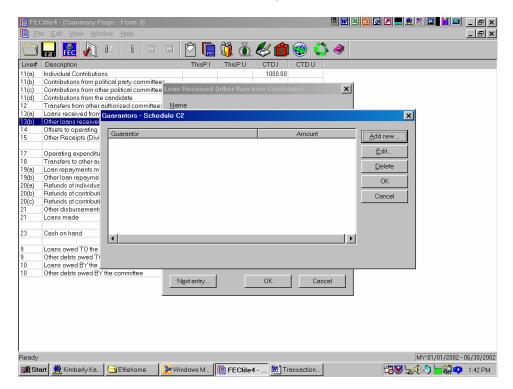
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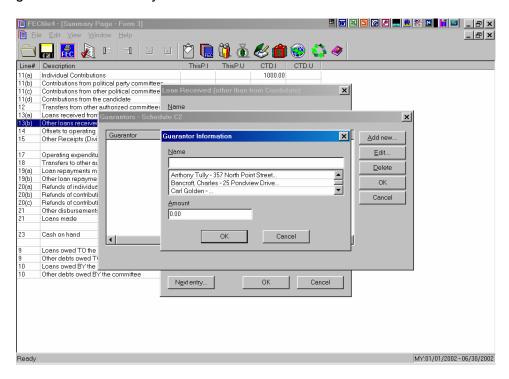
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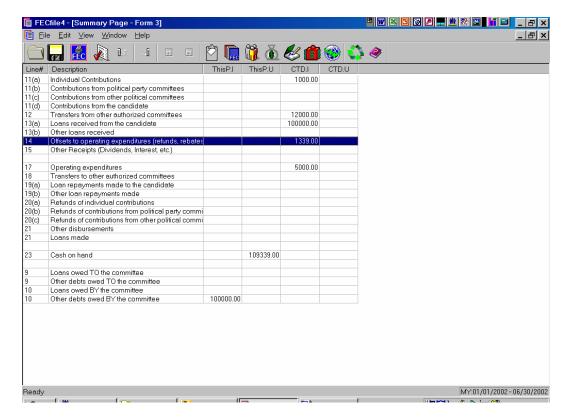


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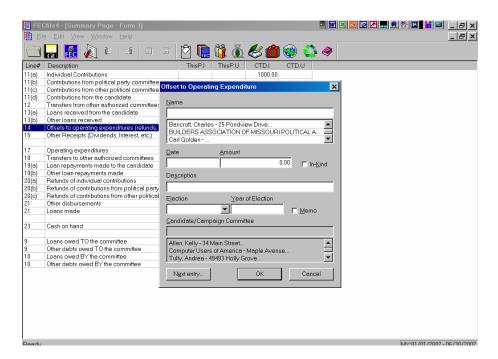


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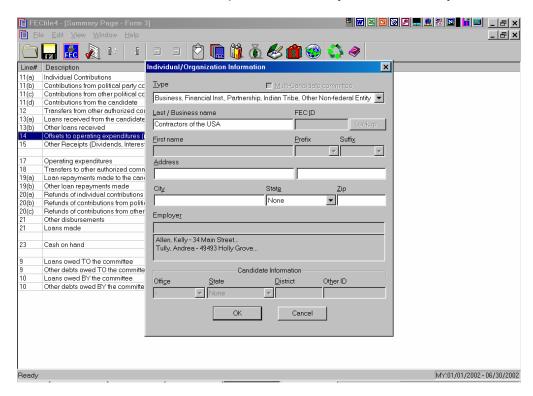
Offsets to Operating Expenditures Line 14



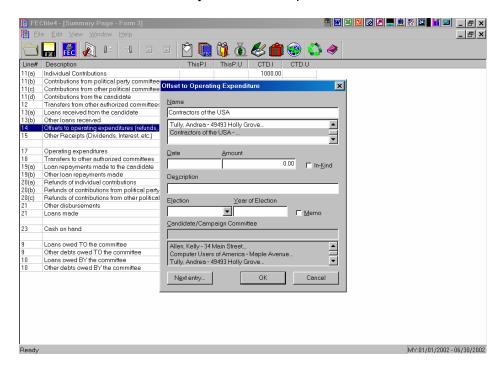
1. Double-click on Line 14 of the Summary Page.



2. The Offset to Operating Expenditure dialog box is launched. Enter the vendor's name in the name text area and press the Tab key or the Insert key.

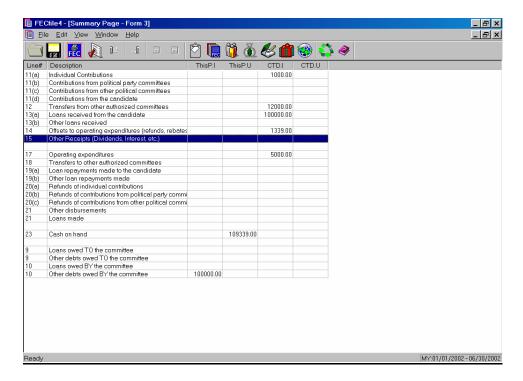


- 3. Under the Type text area, click on the drop down menu and highlight Business, Financial Inst., Partnership, Indian Tribe, Other Non-federal.
- 4. Enter vendor's Address, City, State, and Zip, and click on OK.

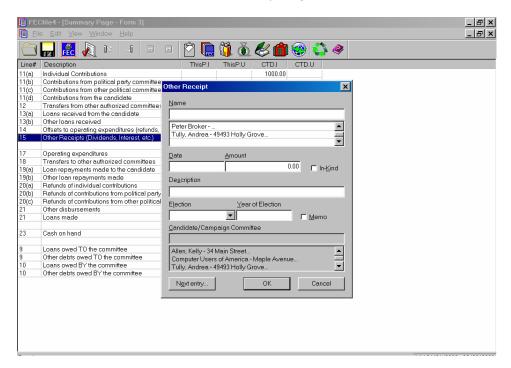


- 5. In the Offset to Operating Expenditures dialog box, enter the Date, Amount, and Description, and click on OK.
- 6. The totals are reflected on the Summary Page, on line 14, Offsets to Operating Expenditures, (refunds, rebates, etc.)

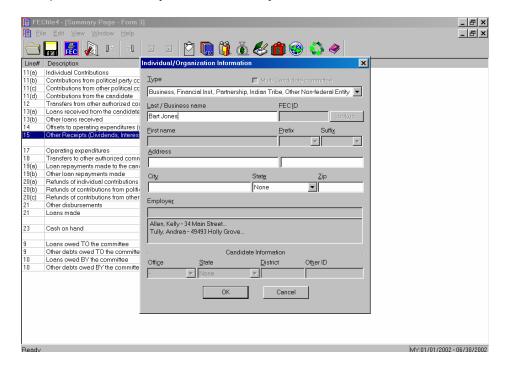
Other Federal Receipts (Dividends, Interest etc...) Line 15



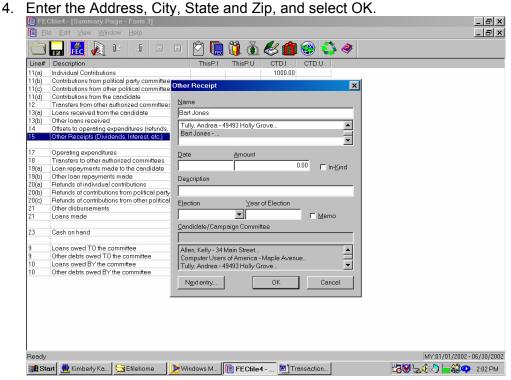
1. Double click on Line 15 of the Summary Page.



2. In the Federal Receipt dialog box, enter in the name, if not previously entered, and press the Tab key or the Insert key.



3. In the Individual/Organization Information dialog box, select the appropriate type by using the drop down menu.



5.	In the other Receipt dialog box, enter in the Date, Amount, and Description, then click on OK.
6.	Note the total reflected on line 15 on the Summary Page.
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